

## ABSTRACT

A user interface for a communications system in a motor vehicle, in a restrictive operating mode, restricts a functionality of a radio interface for wire-free connection to a radio communications network. A communications system for a motor vehicle includes a radio interface for wire-free connection to a radio communications network and for setting up a corresponding communications link. In the restrictive operating mode, the user interface displays the operating mode with restricted functionality to the caller and makes a plurality of communications functions available to him in a selectable fashion, the user interface activating the selected communications function. The communications system includes a device for detecting first and/or second traffic situations and for defining a radio communication as incapable of being carried out if one of the first traffic situations is detected, and as capable of being carried out if one of the second traffic situations is detected.